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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Requirements Branch, St/I
THROUGH: Chief, Industrial Division, ORR
FROM: Chief, Guided Missiles Branch, D/I
SUBJECT: GM interest in USSR May Day Parades outside
of Moscow

1. Significant information concerning military items, including guided missiles, has been obtained in previous May Day parades. The Moscow parade will be covered thoroughly by the Service Attaches assigned to the U.S. and U.K. missions. However, it is felt that provincial parades are not so likely to be viewed by competent westerners and may present items of considerable significance. There is a real possibility that these parades, which are primarily for the local populace, may place emphasis on

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2. In view of the above it is suggested that [REDACTED] be requested to obtain coverage of May Day parades in the cities listed in paragraph 3 below. This requirement has been discussed with [REDACTED] and a representative [REDACTED]

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3. Cities possibly having such parades listed in order of guided missile priority, are as follows:

- a. Dnepropetrovsk
- b. Minsk
- c. Saratov
- d. Omsk
- e. Baku
- f. Gorkiy
- g. Kharkov

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h. Kiev

i. Tashkent

4. The following points are of particular interest concerning these parades.

a. Report on any missile displayed including the number, description, dimensions, fins, piping, antennae,

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b. Note similar details of carriers and support equipment including tank trucks, electronic equipment, and cranes.

c. Describe troops associated with missile units, particularly shoulder boards and other characteristics which might serve to distinguish missile personnel.

d. Supply all photography possible.

e. Newspapers containing references to the parade both before and after.

5. It is also suggested that this requirement be forwarded to the Department of State as part of the ERG program.

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